



If You Smoke...

Put it out. All the Way. Every time.

- Smoke outside. Use a sturdy ashtray or can filled with sand to collect ashes.
- Use ashtrays with stable base that won't tip over.
- Always place ashtrays on a sturdy surface.
- PUT IT OUT. ALL THE WAY. EVERY TIME. Cigarettes must be completely stubbed out in the ashtray.
- Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. NEVER toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash.
- Chairs and sofas catch on fire fast and burn fast. Don't put ashtrays on them.

NEVER, EVER SMOKE IN BED!

be safe



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Practice.

Prevent.

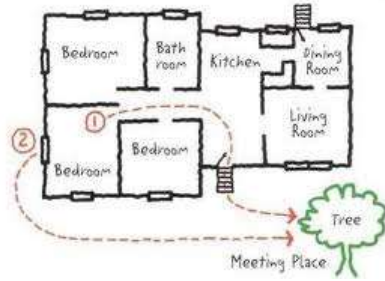
What you Need To Know



To Keep Your Family Safe...

**Plan your Family's Escape Plan
Fire Prevention Guidelines
Smoke Alarm Safety
Extinguishing Smoking Materials**

PREPARE...



A fire can engulf your home in a matter of seconds. BE PREPARED with a detailed fire escape plan. Practice with your family at least twice a year. Children who have practiced an escape plan are less likely to panic and hide and are more likely to escape safely.

- Begin with a diagram of your home and mark all windows and doors, plan two routes out of each room.
- Consider several fire scenarios, such as a fire starting in the kitchen, basement or bedroom.
- Keep home and exits clear of toys and debris.
- Figure out best ways to get babies and toddlers out. How will you get to them? Practice by having older children crawl low, touching doors or going to the window in accordance with your escape plan.
- Make sure safety bars on windows can be opened from inside.
- Prepare an alternate escape plan so that you can escape with young children even if one parent is away when fire occurs.
- Show children how to cover their nose and mouth to reduce smoke inhalation.
- Don't hesitate for belongings or pets.
- Have a safe meeting place outside the home -- a safe distance away -- and teach children NEVER to go back inside.
- Teach children to dial 911 in an emergency.
- Call 911 *after* you escape!

PRACTICE...



Children do not understand the dangers of fire. In fact, children playing with matches or lighters and other heat sources are the leading causes of fire-related deaths for children under age 5.

- Teach young children that matches and lighters are tools to be used by adults and to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters.
- ALWAYS store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Purchase only child resistant lighters. *Remember – no lighter is childproof!*
- Never use lighters or matches as a source of amusement. Children imitate adults.
- Keep children 3 feet away from stove when cooking.
- Never leave pizza boxes or paper products anywhere near the stove!
- Never leave cooking unattended!
- Be sure stove and appliances are shut off before leaving or going to bed.
- Keep blankets, curtains and other items at least 3 feet away from space heaters and stove burners.
- ONLY use jar candles! Blow out before leaving room or going to bed.
- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- Do not run cords under rugs or furniture and check for worn wires.
- Obtain and learn to use a fire extinguisher!

PREVENT...



Smoke Alarms Save Lives! Make sure yours are in working order!

- Smoke alarms are available at hardware, home supply, and general merchandise stores.
- Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms on every level of your home. For added safety, install both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Get smoke alarms that can sound fast for both a fire that has flames and a smoky fire that has smoke without flames. They are called "Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms."
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change alkaline batteries every time the clocks change!
- Install smoke alarms away from air vents.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling and at least 6 inches from corners.
- If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking or when bathing, press "hush" button if the smoke alarm has one. Open door or window or fan area with a towel to get air moving. DO NOT disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries. If this happens often, relocate the smoke alarm.
- Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home!

